(b) if so, the terms of such Me moranda with namns of the States involved in these Memoranda;

(c) whether these Memoranda ensure huge earnings of foreign exchange;

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons3 therefor;

(e) whether Government propose to ask Mizoram State Government to sign such Memoranda of Understanding with some foreign countries to attract investment on tourism in that State; and

(f) if so, he details threof and if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) and (b) The following 3 Memoranda of Understanding have been signed by Karnataka State with Singapore based companies for tourism rale-ted projects;

(i) MOU with Chesterfield In,-temationiai Private Ltd. Singapore for the establishment of Inter-tional Convention Centre Complex.

(ii) MOU with REDEVCO PTE, LTD. Singapore for the establishment of Limousine and Coach Service Company.

(iii) MOU with Chesterfield In-ternational Private Limited, Singa, pore for building up of five Four Star Hotels in Bangalore, Mysore, Hasan, Shimoga and Hampi.

(c) and (d) The proposed projects will be adding to the general tourism infrastructurai facilities in Kar. nataka. Once completed, these will attract more foreign tourists but it is not possible to quantify the foreign exchange earnings.

(e) ad (f) No such proposal exists at present, but it is for the State Governments) to indentify! the pro-jects to attract foreign investment.

Anti-dumping duty

*116. SHRI PRAGADA KOTAIAH:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMA-CHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is a proposal to levy anti-dumping duty on products imported into the country causing injury to our industrial products; and

(b) if so, what prevents Govern ment to levy cess on exports of cot ton yarn the proceeds of which may foe utilised to supply yarn at sub sidised prices to help handloom in dustry which is struggling hard for survival against the long protected textile mills and powerlooms?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) As per the provisions of Section 9A of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975, where an article is exported from any country to India at

less than its normal value, then upon the importation of such article into India the Central Government
'may impose n anti-dumping duty not exceeding the margin of dumping in relation to such article. In individual cases," such duties are levied after
following procedures prescribed in the above mentioned Act and the rules framed thereunder.

(b) Levy of antidumping duty is possible only on goods imported into the country and not on goods exported from India. Also, in view of the various measures already taken by the Central Government for augmenting supply of hank yarn to handloom weavers, the proposal for levy of any cess on the export of cotton yarn is not being pursued.

MOUs Submitted by Andhra Pradesh to Centra/ Electricity Authority

*117. SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a.) whether it is a fact that the Cen tral Electricity Authority (has to clear power generation agreements signed by State Governments with private parties;

(b) the number of Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) sent to Central Electricity Authority by Government of Andhra Pradesh; and

(e) the details of such MOUs submitted by Andhra Pradesh Government since! 1st January, 1995?

. , THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI .N. K. P. SALVE): (a).According to the Electricity (Supply) Act, 1948, any scheme costing more than Rs. 100 crores in the Power Sector has to be cleared by the Central Electricity Authority (CEA). The Act does not provide for approval by the CEA of Power Generation Agreements signed between the State Electricity Board (SEB) and the generating company.

(b) and (c) No Memorandum of Un-derstanding (MOU) has been received in the CEA from the Andhra Pradesh Government.

Restriction on External Commercial Borrowings

*118. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Govern ment have imposed fresh restrictions on external commercial borrowings, and

(b) if so, what are the new guide lines issued in this behalf?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M. V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) Goveriment has recently issued guidelines aimed at keeping our external comimerfoial borrowing within prudent limits and providing a basis for allocating approvals for such borrowings.

(b) External commrecial borrowings by Indian firms for financing expansion or existing capacity and for new investment are permitted within annual ceilings consistent with prudent debt management.